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# **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

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### 1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicants have amended claims 1 and 5; claim 2 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-9 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

## 2.) Examiner Objections - Specification

The Examiner objected to the Abstract and Title of the Invention. The Applicants have amended the Abstract and Title of the Invention in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

### 3.) Examiner Objections - Claims

The Examiner objected to claims 2 and 5 for certain informalities. The Applicants have cancelled claim 2<sup>1</sup> and amended claim 5 to correct the informality noted by the Examiner.

#### 4.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claim 2 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated such claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Accordingly, claim 1 is now allowable.

The Examiner stated that claim 5 would be allowable, subject to correction of the noted informality. The Applicants have amended claim 5 to correct the informality and, thus, that claim is now allowable. Whereas claim 6-9 are dependent from claim 5, and include the limitations thereof, those claims are also allowable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Applicants have corrected the informality in claim 2 noted by the Examiner by the amendment of claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2.

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### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1 and 3-9.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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